



April 5, 2013

The Honorable Edward Whitfield
United States House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Whitfield:

On behalf of the 80,000 members of Let Freedom Ring, I am writing to offer our strong support for H.R. 3 - the Northern Route Approval Act.

As you well know, America has the potential to become energy independent over the next several decades, but only if we are allowed to exploit a full range of potential energy sources, including those fossil fuels now proven to exist in shale deposits located throughout North America.

Whether or not the Keystone XL Pipeline is built, those resources will be used to fuel growth in the global economy and create jobs. But only if the Keystone XL Pipeline is built will that growth occur in the United States and will those jobs be created here, where they are so desperately needed.

The principal objection to approval of the pipeline comes from environmental groups that are opposed to shipping, refining and burning petroleum derived from tar sands, but their objections are not well-founded. Not approving the pipeline into the US will result in the sale of these energy resources to the Chinese, who will use refine and burn them with much higher carbon discharges into to the atmosphere than would be the case with American refining and use. In other words, those objecting to the pipeline will achieve precisely the opposite result of what they intend: a much more negative environmental impact.

H.R. 3 is a measured, appropriate, and bipartisan response to the continued foot-dragging by the Obama Administration that has blocked the pipeline from moving forward. As you have previously stated, "This project has been tied up in regulatory red tape for over four and a half years. It's been 1,657 days and the delays continue with no explanation and no end in sight."

Enough is enough. For jobs, for energy security, for future economic growth, we urge the passage of the Northern Route Approval Act. America needs it, now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Colin A. Hanna
President